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COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NORMAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF  
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

31ST DECEMBER, 1951

(RATES OF WAGE ARE SUGGESTED FROM THE LAST AT WHICH, DETERMINATION OR AGREEMENT OPERATIVE  
ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1951)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SHEDS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	259/-	40	259/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	257/-	"	246/6	"
Chairmaker	257/-	"	246/6	"
Furniture Polisher	257/-	"	246/6	"
Wood Carver	257/-	"	246/6	"
Wood Machinist	257/-	"	229/- to 246/6	"
<u>SAMMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS -</u>				
Box and Case Maker	237/-	"	229/-	"
Labourer	221/-	"	213/-	"
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	253/6	"	245/6	"
Moulding	228/6 to 253/6	"	220/6 to 245/6	"
Planing	238/6 & 253/6	"	230/6 & 245/6	"
Shaping	253/6	"	243/6	"
Orderman	240/6	"	232/6	"
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	238/- to 259/-	"	230/- to 251/-	"
Circular	239/- & 251/6	"	231/- & 243/6	"
Tallyman	238/6	"	230/6	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	259/-	40	251/-	40
Helper	230/-	"	222/-	"
Labourer	230/-	"	222/-	"
<u>BRASSWORKING -</u>				
Finisher	244/- & 259/-	"	236/- & 251/-	"
Moulder	235/- to 259/-	"	227/- to 251/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Armature Winder	259/-	"	251/-	"
Fitter	259/-	"	251/-	"
Linesman	247/-	"	239/-	"
Mechanic	259/-	"	251/-	"
Wireman	247/-	"	239/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Armature Winder	271/-	"	251/-	"
Instrument Maker	274/6	"	268/6	"
Linesman	265/-	"	239/-	"
Shift Electrician	271/-	"	251/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	260/6	"	252/6	"
Brassfinisher	244/- & 259/-	"	236/- & 251/-	"
Coppersmith	260/6	"	252/6	"
Fitter	259/-	"	251/-	"

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## ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING - (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.		s. d.	
Labourer	230/-	40	222/-	40
Patternmaker	272/-	"	272/-	"
Shaper	244/- & 259/-	"	236/- & 251/-	"
Striker	230/- & 232/-	"	222/- & 224/-	"
Turner	255/-	"	251/-	"
<u>MOULDING (IRON) -</u>				
Coremaker	235/- to 259/-	"	227/- to 251/-	"
Labourer	230/-	"	222/-	"
Moulder	235/- to 259/-	"	227/- to 251/-	"
<u>MOULDING (STEEL) -</u>				
Coremaker	259/-	"	251/-	"
Labourer	230/-	"	222/-	"
Moulder	259/-	"	251/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	233/-	"	225/-	"
Machinist	229/-	"	221/-	"
Solderer	229/- & 233/-	"	221/- & 225/-	"
Tinsmith	244/- & 259/-	"	236/- & 251/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	267/-	40	260/10	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	247/-	"	241/-	42
Ovenman	275/6	"	260/10	38
Single Hand	272/-	"	270/-	38
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	239/6	"	238/-	40
General Labourer	213/-	"	216/-	"
Mixer	228/- & 232/-	"	227/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	241/- & 246/-	"	233/3	"
Driver (1 horse)	244/-	"	240/-	"
Labourer	241/-	"	233/-	"
Malt Hand	241/-	"	240/-	"
Towerman	246/-	"	240/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	242/-	"	222/6	"
General Hand	262/-	"	254/-	"
Shopman	262/-	"	254/-	"
Smallgoodsman	267/-	"	259/-	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Journeyman	249/-	"	229/- to 241/-	"
Labourer	225/-	"	217/-	"
Storeman	225/- & 249/-	"	229/- to 249/9	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	222/-	"	222/-	"
Solderer	231/-	"	231/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	259/6	"	259/-	"
Guillotine Hand	237/-	"	237/-	"
Jokerman	257/-	"	257/-	"
Packer	237/-	"	237/-	"
Scamer	255/6	"	267/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Killer (Shift)	259/- to 264/-	"	259/- to 264/-	"
Packerman	244/-	"	244/-	"
Purifierman	247/-	"	247/-	"
Sauttermen	247/-	"	247/-	"
Storeman (Head)	249/- & 254/-	"	249/- & 254/-	"
Tramman	247/-	"	247/-	"
<u>PAstryCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	228/6	"	213/-	"
Pastrycook	248/6	"	249/-	"

ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
	CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.			
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Bootmaker	244/-	40	244/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	332/-	"	283/-	"
Presser	247/-	"	247/-	"
Tailor	254/-	"	254/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	258/-	"	258/-	"
Presser	247/-	"	247/-	"
Tailor	254/-	"	254/-	"
Trimmer	247/-	"	247/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING -</u>				
(Woollen Mills) -				
Carder	229/-	"	229/-	"
Dyehousman	234/-	"	234/-	"
Labourer (General)	205/-	"	205/-	"
Securer	234/- to 241/6	"	234/- to 241/6	"
Spinner	229/-	"	229/-	"
Tuner	222/- to 252/-	"	222/- to 252/-	"
Warper	231/-	"	231/-	"
	<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>			
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	265/-	40	257/-	40
Bookbinding (Journeyman)	265/-	"	257/-	"
Paper Ruler	265/-	"	257/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor -				
Day Work	333/- to 340/6	"	310/-	38
Night Work	348/- to 356/6	"	335/-	"
Machinist -				
Day Work	293/- to 305/6	"	304/6	40
Night Work	308/- to 321/6	"	315/6	38
Publisher - (Day & Night)	270/6 & 294/-	"	268/6 & 293/6	38 & 40
Reader -				
Day Work	300/6 to 308/-	"	310/-	40
Night Work	315/6 to 324/-	"	335/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	288/- to 300/6	"	310/-	39
Night Work	303/- to 316/6	"	335/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES) -</u>				
Compositor	265/- to 275/6	"	257/- to 267/6	40
Linotype Operator	275/6	"	267/6	"
Machinist	265/-	"	257/-	"
Reader	268/6	"	260/6	"
Stereotyper	265/-	"	257/-	"
	<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>			
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	237/- & 243/-	40	240/-	40
Clayholer	254/-	"	240/3	"
Drawer	259/6	"	238/3 & 240/9	"
Trucker	251/-	"	231/6	"
Setter	259/6	"	238/3 & 250/9	"
<u>COACHMAKING -</u>				
Bodysmaker	255/-	"	251/-	"
Labourer	210/-	"	202/-	"
Painter	232/6 to 253/6	"	224/6 to 245/6	"
Springmaker	259/-	"	251/-	"
Trimmer	253/6	"	243/6	"
Wheelwright	253/6	"	245/6	"

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WAGE RATES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (Cont'd.)</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>GAS-FITTING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	235/-	40	220/-	40
Gasfitter	273/-	"	256/6	"
Labourer	222/-	"	214/-	"
Motor Tester	236/- to 245/-	"	243/-	"
Service Layer	251/-	"	237/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	232/-	"	220/-	"
Stoker	246/-	"	232/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	257/-	"	251/-	"
Mounter	257/-	"	251/-	"
Setter	265/-	"	241/6	"
<u>SADDLERY AND HARNESS MAKING -</u>				
Collar Maker	247/-	"	239/-	"
Harness Maker	247/-	"	239/-	"
<u>TAILOR AND SHIRT MAKING -</u>				
Boatman	254/6	"	246/6	"
Labourer	230/6	"	222/6	"
Lineman	247/6	"	233/6	"
Machinist -				
General	255/6 to 261/6	"	247/6 to 253/6	"
Splitting	261/6 to 268/6	"	253/6 to 260/6	"
Unhairing	254/6	"	246/6	"
Tableman	249/6 & 255/6	"	241/6 & 247/6	"
<u>BUILDING</u>				
Bricklayer	291/8	40	273/8	40
Carpenter	298/4	"	279/4	"
Mason (Stone)	271/-	"	254/-	"
Painter	231/6	"	214/6	"
Paperhanger	281/6	"	262/6	"
Sign writer	294/2	"	282/6	"
Plasterer	290/-	"	282/6	"
Plumber	290/6	"	282/2	"
Labourer - +				
Bricklayer's	232/6	"	214/-	"
Carpenter's	232/6	"	224/-	"
Concrete Worker	232/6	"	224/6	"
Earth Excavator	232/6	"	224/6	"
Gear Worker	241/6	"	233/6	"
Scaffold Hand	241/6	"	233/6	"
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco-</u>				
1st Class	296/- & 299/-	ø	277/- to 292/-	ø
2nd Class	290/-	ø	274/-	ø
3rd Class	261/6	ø	265/-	ø
<u>Fireman -</u>				
1st Class	249/- & 252/-	ø	235/- to 242/-	ø
2nd Class	246/-	ø	229/-	ø
3rd Class	242/-	ø	223/-	ø
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	266/-	ø	256/6	ø
2nd Class	257/- & 260/-	ø	241/- to 252/6	ø
3rd Class	252/- & 254/-	ø	241/6 to 252/6	ø
<u>Porter -</u>	223/- to 254/-	ø	216/6 to 251/-	ø
<u>Shunter -</u>				
1st Class	265/- & 269/-	*	257/- & 265/-	*
2nd Class	254/6 & 257/6	*	249/6 & 253/6	*
3rd Class	236/- to 251/-	*	230/- & 239/6	*

\* Rates exclude allowances for statutory holidays, following the job, and sick pay.

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ADULT MALES (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rate of Wage	Hours	Rate of Wage	Hours
RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES (Cont'd.)				
	s. d.		s. d.	
RAILWAYS (Cont'd.)				
Signalman -				
1st Class	281/-	*	263/6	
2nd Class	273/-	ø	250/6	
3rd Class	265/-	ø	242/6	
TRAMWAYS -				
Conductor -				
1st Year	225/-	ø	222/-	ø
2nd Year	234/-	ø	228/-	ø
3rd Year	234/-	ø	228/-	ø
Labourer	215/-	ø	216/-	ø
Maintenance Man	224/- & 227/-	ø	225/-	ø
Motorman -				
1st Year	237/-	ø	222/-	ø
2nd Year	237/-	ø	228/-	ø
3rd Year	237/-	ø	228/-	ø
Pitman	240/-	ø	236/-	ø
* 76 hours per fortnight.		ø 80 hours per fortnight.		
TRANSPORT (OTHER)				
CARRYING MERCHANDISE -				
Cartman -				
1 Horse	238/-	40	232/6	40
2 Horses	243/-	"	230/6	"
Stable Hand	237/6 & 242/6	"	231/-	"
Motor Lorries & Waggon -				
Under 3 tons	240/- to 250/-	"	230/6 & 236/6	"
3 tons and over	254/- to 258/-	"	241/-	"
WHARF LABOUR -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	7/2½d.		7/2½d.	
HOTELS, ETC.				
HOTELS -				
Barman	237/-	40	229/-	40
Billiard Marker	227/-	"	219/-	"
Cook	237/- to 277/-	"	229/- to 269/-	"
Handyman	227/-	"	219/-	"
Kitchenman	227/-	"	219/-	"
Porter	227/-	"	219/-	"
Waiter	227/- & 237/-	"	219/- & 229/-	"
HAIRDRESSING -				
Full Hand	257/-	"	257/6	"
Hairdresser	247/-	"	236/-	"
GENERAL LABOUR				
FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	244/- & 250/6	40	236/- & 242/6	40
2nd Class	239/- & 244/-	"	231/- & 236/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	239/-	"	231/-	"
2nd Class	234/-	"	221/-	"
MUNICIPAL -				
Labourer	230/-	"	215/-	"
Street Sweeper	230/-	"	224/-	"
SHOP ASSISTANTS -				
Boot salesman	249/-	"	236/-	"
Drapery Salesman	249/-	"	236/-	"
Furniture Salesman	249/-	"	239/-	"
Grocery Salesman	249/-	"	232/-	"
Hardware Salesman	249/-	"	236/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	249/-	"	236/-	"
STOREMEN AND PACKERS -				
Packer (General)	239/6 & 242/6	"	240/-	"
Storeman (General)	238/- & 240/6	"	240/-	"

ADULT FEMALE

Industry and Occupation	SIDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wages	Hours
<u>FOOD</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	157/-	40	168/9	40
Confectionery	157/-	"	162/9	"
<u>SEWING &amp; TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	168/-	40	168/-	40
Dressmaking	156/- to 186/-	"	156/- to 186/-	"
Millinery	156/-	"	156/-	"
Shirt Making	156/-	"	156/-	"
Underclothing	156/- to 186/-	"	156/- to 186/-	"
<u>TAILORING - ORDER -</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	186/-	"	186/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	173/6	"	173/6	"
Tailoress (Coat)	202/-	"	202/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	173/6	"	173/6	"
<u>TAILORING - READYMADE -</u>				
Machinist (Coat)	176/-	"	176/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	171/-	"	171/-	"
Tailoress (Coat)	176/-	"	176/-	"
" (Trousers & Vest)	171/-	"	171/-	"
<u>TEXTILES WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS -</u>				
Comb Minder	167/-	"	167/-	"
Drawer & Mender	166/- & 169/-	"	166/- & 169/-	"
Warper	169/-	"	169/-	"
Weaver (Loom)	172/-	"	172/-	"
Gillbox Minder	166/-	"	166/-	"
Other Adult	154/-	"	154/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	179/-	40	173/-	40
Sewer	179/-	"	173/-	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	177/- & 183/6	"	177/- & 177/6	"
Other	167/6 to 179/6	"	167/6 to 173/6	"
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	179/-	"	173/-	"
<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	185/-	40	229/-	40
Housemaid	169/-	"	165/-	"
Laundress	173/-	"	167/-	"
Waitress	169/- & 175/-	"	163/- & 169/-	"
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Foot Saleswoman	177/- & 249/-	"	161/6	"
Drapery Saleswoman	177/- & 249/-	"	164/6 & 253/-	"